

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR SESSION
January 17, 2023**

The Grant County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on January 17, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grant County Complex Council Chambers located at 401 South Adams Street, Marion, IN.

In attendance were Commissioners Mark Bardsley, Steve Wright, and Ron Stewart. Also present were Auditor Angie Jarvis, County Administrator/HR Director Justin Saathoff, and Financials Deputy Stacey Stevens.

Commissioner Bardsley called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Commissioner Bardsley led in prayer. Commissioner Stewart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PREAPPROVED CLAIMS

December 12, 2023: General: \$493,205.40
Other: \$57,180.34
Highway: \$33,273.30
TOTAL: \$583,659.04

Commissioner Wright made a motion to ratify the preapproved claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

December 19, 2023: General: \$147,237.94
Other: \$63,935.17
Highway: \$10,893.41
TOTAL: \$222,066.52

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the claim dockets as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

PAYROLL

Payroll #1 carried a gross total of \$539,372.21. Formal preapproval was given on January 4, 2023 and paid out on January 6, 2023.

Commissioner Wright made a motion to formally ratify preapproved payroll #1 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

MINUTES

Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve the minutes from August 15, 2022 and September 6, 2022, as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-1 abstention (Stewart).

Board Updates

Commissioner Bardsley stated the Board of Finance meeting will be immediately following this session. Election of officials of the board will occur.

EMA Director Bob Jackson gave an update on COVID numbers; 10 today and 23 over the weekend.

Mr. Jackson also stated EMA was on scene at Sweetser Elementary School over the weekend. EMA was contacted by I&M with an issue about some concerning odors. This is still unfolding. They have contractors on site and the matter will continue to be monitored.

Mr. Jackson commented that there are still issues at the tower sites. Commissioner Bardsley asked about the making a payment to the fencing contractor. Director Jackson expressed he is ok with payment at this point. J&K Communications is still working on their end of the project.

IT Report

None

Highway Report

Superintendent David White stated the Employee in Responsible Charge (ERC) certification is complete. Superintendent White gave a handout to the Commissioners of the year end report for the Recycle Center.

Superintendent White stated Bridge #789 (10th street) project will be starting on January 30. The contract between the county and the contractor needs signed. The amount for the project is \$677,956.28

Superintendent White has 2 proposals for guttering on the new building: Clevenger at \$2,291.00 and Kingdom Roofing Systems at \$3,131.00. Superintendent White recommended Clevenger's. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve Clevenger's for \$2,291.00. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White stated that fuel and stone bids is scheduled for bid opening on February 6.

Superintendent White requested permission to bid on a new dump truck. Superintendent White presented paperwork about the dump truck to the Commissioners. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to consent to bidding on a dump truck. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White requested to apply for a Community Crossings Grant for bridge and paving work. The deadline for application is January 27. A financial letter defining the county's 50% match is needed if the grant is awarded. Commissioner Wright made a motion for Mr. White to seek the grant. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent White introduced a presentation to the Commissioners that will be used to apply for a federal grant with the state. The presentation will be given to the 7-person board at the time of application. This will be for the Branson Street bridge and is set for construction in 2028.

Superintendent White asked about the county covering CDL testing for truck drivers for the Highway department. In the past the drivers would pay for the testing and the county would cover the cost of the physicals. The CDL testing is \$200.00 every time it is taken. Some type of agreement would need to be drafted. Commissioner Bardsley directed him to check with HR and the county attorney to see if the request is possible.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Tobacco Community Conversation - Joselyn Whitticker, Minority Health Coordinator
Joselyn Whitticker presented a slideshow on the harms of smoking and vaping.

2. Presentation of 100R Report - Angie Jarvis, Auditor
Auditor Jarvis presented the 100R report. This is a report of all salaries and earned income of county employees. Commissioner Bardsley signed the signature page. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to receive in the 100R report. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

3. Health Officer Appointment - Mark Bardsley, Commissioner
Commissioner Bardsley stated that the health board has made a recommendation to reappoint Dr. Moore. Commissioner Stewart made a motion to veto the recommendation and send it back to the health board with a request for a different recommendation. Seconded by Commissioner Wright; motion carried 3-0.

4. Cell Phone Stipend Request - Justin Saathoff, Administrator
Administrator Saathoff requested a phone stipend in the amount of \$55.00 for Commissioner Stewart. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Bardsley; motion carried 2-1 abstention (Stewart).

5. Grant County Visitors Bureau Appointments - Justin Saathoff, Administrator
Administrator Saathoff presented a request from the Grant County Visitors Bureau to reappoint Mark Sullivan and replace Patricia Edwards with Pat Mitchell. Commissioner Wright made a motion to approve as requested. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

6. Amended Tax Sale Resolution - Justin Saathoff, Administrator
Administrator Saathoff presented an amended resolution identifying tax sale certificates to be pulled from the tax sale for the public. This amendment contains a correction to the parcels. The county attorney corrected it and recommended a new resolution number. Commissioner Wright made a motion to pass resolution #2-2023. Seconded by Commissioner Stewart; motion carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

Commissioner Bardsley recessed the meeting at 11:09 a.m.